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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDS&T

SUBJECT : Comments on Draft of Historical Article on CORONA

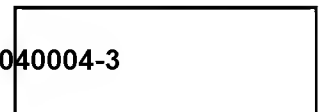
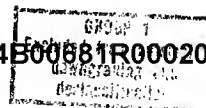
1. Pursuant to your request the subject draft has been reviewed by Chief/Procurement Management Staff, the Security Management Staff, and the following comments are provided:

- A. Page 1, Line 1 - The first U-2 was in June 1956.
- B. Page 6, Line 13 - Word Plans should be Planning.
- C. Page 6, Line 16 - Col. Ritland's first name is Osmond instead of Osmund.
- D. Page 10, next to last line - Word furnished should be furnish.
- E. Page 16, Line 6 - The Lockheed work statement had an effective date of work performance of 15 March 1958 (in other words it was retroactive).
- F. Page 18, Line 2 - The DISCOVERER series was first announced at a press conference held by Dr. Roy W. Johnson, Director of ARPA, on 3 December 1958.
- G. Page 19, Line 19 - Next to the last word in line should be that instead of than.
- H. Page 31, Line 12 - Obtains should be obtain.
- I. Page 62, Line 6 - Word that should be than.
- J. Page 62, Line 19 - First word should be personal instead of personel.

NRO review(s) completed.

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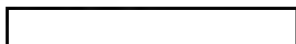
2. The CORONA Program, as contrasted to the OXCART Program, is still viable, and hardware in inventory could be used to supplement or "fill in" for reconnaissance gaps caused by technical difficulties or failures of other programs. For this reason it is recommended the publication of the CORONA story with its inherent risk of severe security degradation be deferred at least until the further launch of CORONA vehicles is highly unlikely.



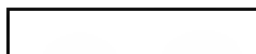
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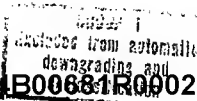
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Fred:

Here are a couple of thoughts that occurred to me after the papers were ready to go forward.

25X1 [] did some pencil editing on the copy that he reviewed. I subsequently revised the text incorporating most of his suggestions and making other minor changes. The following pages have text that differs in varying degree from the version that was read by [] and McMahon:

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25X1 There is one paragraph of wholly new text that was inserted after [] and McMahon completed their reviews. It is the paragraph that begins on page 20 and extends only page 20a. You may wish to have it checked for technical accuracy.

I know of only one place in the paper where I took liberty with the truth. I say on page 58 that the photographs reproduced on the following page are the ones that appeared in the San Cristobal newspaper. I do not know this to be so. These could be the photos that appeared in the newspaper, but I think it highly unlikely.

25X1 Hugh Cunningham, the chairman of the Studies Editorial Board, knows of the existence of the draft, but he has not read it. The same goes for [] the editor of Studies.

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